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## **MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED FOR NARCOTICS, IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican man who was indicted along with two brothers was sentenced in federal court today for violations of federal narcotics and immigration laws.

**Sergio Leyva-Acosta**, 28, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 5, 2004, **Sergio Leyva-Acosta** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine and to illegally re-entering the United States after being deported. **Sergio Layva-Acosta**, who had previously been deported, unlawfully entered the United States and was found in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 3, 2003.

**Sergio Leyva-Acosta's** brothers, **Carlos Leyva-Acosta**, 27, and **Jose Hugo Leyva-Acosta**, 23, also citizens of Mexico, have pleaded guilty to their role in the cocaine conspiracy.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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